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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Request and Comment Request

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information collection packages requiring clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with Public Law 104-13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, effective October 1, 1995. This notice includes revisions and extensions to OMB-approved information collections.

SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate; the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility, and clarity; and ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Mail, email, or fax your comments and recommendations on the information collection(s) to the OMB Desk Officer and SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the following addresses or fax numbers.

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- I.** The information collections below are pending at SSA. SSA will submit them to OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice. To be sure we consider your comments, we must receive them no later than **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**. Individuals can obtain copies of the collection instruments by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at 410-965-8783 or by writing to the above email address.

1. Statement of Marital Relationship (by One of the Parties) -- 20 CFR 404.726 --

0960-0038. SSA must obtain a signed statement from a spousal applicant if the applicant claims a common-law marriage to the insured, in a state in which these marriages are recognized, and no formal marriage documentation exists. SSA uses information we collect on form SSA-754-F4 to determine if an individual applying for spousal benefits meets the criteria of common-law marriage under state law. The

respondents are applicants for spouse's Social Security benefits or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments.

Type of Request: Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.

Collection Instrument	Number of Responses	Frequency of Response	Average Burden per Response (minutes)	Estimated Total Annual Burden (hours)
SSA-754-F4	30,000	1	30	15,000

2. Application for a Social Security Number Card, and the Social Security Number

Application Process (SSNAP) -- 20 CFR 422.103 - 422.110 -- 0960-0066. SSA

collects information on the SS-5 (used in the United States) and SS-5-FS (used outside the United States) to issue original or replacement Social Security cards. SSA also enters the application data into the Social Security Number Application Process (SSNAP) when applicants request a new or replacement card via telephone or in person.

In addition, hospitals collect the same information on SSA's behalf for newborn children through the Enumeration-at-Birth process. In this process, parents of newborns provide hospital birth registration clerks with information required to register these newborns. Hospitals send this information to State Bureaus of Vital Statistics (BVS), and they send the information to SSA's National Computer Center. SSA then uploads the data to the SSA mainframe along with all other enumeration data, and we assign the newborn a Social Security Number (SSN) and issue a Social Security card.

The respondents for this collection are applicants for original and replacement Social Security cards who use any of the modalities described above.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

SS-5 Application Scenario	Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Average Burden Per Response (minutes)	Estimated Total Annual Burden (hours)
Respondents who do not have to provide parents' SSNs	10,500,000	1	8.5	1,487,500
Respondents whom we ask to provide parents' SSNs (when applying for original SSN cards for children under age 18)	400,000	1	9	60,000
Applicants age 12 or older who need to answer additional questions so SSA can determine whether we previously assigned an SSN	1,100,000	1	9.5	174,167
Applicants asking for a replacement SSN card beyond the new allowable limits (i.e., who must provide additional documentation to accompany the application)	600	1	60	600
Authorization to SSA to obtain personal information cover letter	500	1	15	125
Authorization to SSA to obtain personal information follow-up cover letter	500	1	15	125
Totals	12,001,600	-	-	1,722,517

Cost Burden: The state BVSs incur costs of approximately \$9.5 million for transmitting data to SSA's mainframe. However, SSA reimburses the states for these costs.

- 3. Medicaid Use Report -- 20 CFR 416.268 -- 0960-0267.** *Section 20 CFR 416.268* of the *Code of Federal Regulations* requires SSA to determine eligibility for (1) special SSI cash payments and for (2) special SSI eligibility status for a person who works despite a disabling condition. It also provides that, in order to qualify for special SSI eligibility status, an individual must establish that termination of eligibility for benefits under *Title XIX of the Act* would seriously inhibit the ability to continue employment. SSA uses the information required by this regulation to determine if an individual is entitled to special title XVI SSI payments and, consequently, to Medicaid. The respondents are SSI recipients for whom SSA has stopped payments based on earnings.

Type of Request: Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.

Regulation Section	Number of Responses	Frequency of Response	Average Burden per Response (minutes)	Estimated Total Annual Burden (hours)
20 CFR 416.268	60,000	1	3	3,000

- 4. Supplemental Security Income Claim Information Notice -- 20 CFR 416.210 -- 0960-0324.** *Section 1611(e)(2) of the Social Security Act* requires an individual to file for and obtain all payments (annuities, pensions, disability benefits, veteran's compensation, etc.) for which they are eligible before qualifying for SSI payments.

Individuals do not qualify for SSI if they do not first apply for all other benefits. SSA uses the information on form SSA-L8050-U3 to verify and establish a claimant or recipient's eligibility under the SSI program. Respondents are SSI applicants or recipients who may be eligible for other payments from public or private programs.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Collection Instrument	Number of Responses	Frequency of Response	Average Burden per Response (minutes)	Estimated Total Annual Burden (hours)
SSA-L-8050-U3	7,500	1	10	1,250

5. Filing Claims Under the Federal Tort Claims Act -- 20 CFR 429.101-429.110 --

0960-0667. The Federal Tort Claims Act is the legal mechanism for compensating persons injured by negligent or wrongful acts that occur during the performance of official duties by Federal employees. In accordance with the law, SSA accepts monetary claims filed under the Federal Tort Claims Act for damages against the United States, loss of property, personal injury, or death resulting from an SSA employee's negligent or wrongful act or omission. The regulation sections cleared under this information collection request require claimants to provide information SSA can use to investigate and determine whether to make an award, compromise, or settlement under the Federal Tort Claims Act. The respondents are individuals or entities filing a claim under the Federal Tort Claims Act.

Type of Request: Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.

Regulation Section	Number of Responses	Frequency of Response	Average Burden Per	Estimated Total
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			Response (minutes)	Annual Burden (hours)
429.102; 429.103 ¹	1	-	-	1
429.104(a)	31	1	5	3
429.104(b)	25	1	5	2
429.104(c)	2	1	5	0
429.106(b)	10	1	10	2
Totals	69			8

¹ The 1 hour represents a placeholder burden. We are not reporting a burden for this collection because respondents complete OMB-approved form SF-95.

6. Application for Extra Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs -- 20

CFR 418.3101 -- 0960-0696. The Medicare Modernization Act of 2003 mandated the creation of the Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage program and the provision of subsidies for eligible Medicare beneficiaries. SSA uses Form SSA-1020 and the i1020, the Application for Extra Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs, to obtain income and resource information from Medicare beneficiaries and to make a subsidy decision. The respondents are Medicare beneficiaries applying for the Part D low-income subsidy.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Collection Instrument	Number of Responses	Frequency of Response	Average Burden Per Response (minutes)	Estimated Total Annual Burden (hours)
SSA-1020 (paper application form)	724,238	1	30	362,119
i1020 (online application)	409,189	1	25	170,495
Field office interview	278,613	1	30	139,307

Totals	1,412,040	-	-	671,921
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- II.** SSA submitted the information collection below to OMB for clearance. Your comments regarding the information collection would be most useful if OMB and SSA receive them within 30 days from the date of this publication. To be sure we consider your comments, we must receive them no later than **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**. Individuals can obtain copies of the OMB clearance package by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at 410-965-8783 or by writing to the above email address.

General Request for Social Security Records--eFOIA -- 20 CFR 402.130 --

0960-0716. Interested members of the public use this electronic request to ask SSA for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). SSA also uses this information to track the number and type of requests, fees charged, payment amounts, and whether SSA responded to public requests within the required 20 days.

Respondents are members of the public including individuals, institutions, or agencies requesting information or documents under FOIA.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Collection Instrument	Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Average Burden Per Response (minutes)	Estimated Total Annual Burden (hours)
eFOIA	5,000	1	3	250

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